



### Our School Council

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*We unite in our purpose to encourage active participation by enriching students' experiences & achievements in order that they pursue their education with enthusiasm.*



### FEBRUARY MESSAGE



Welcome to February! We are now approaching the second half of our school year and we are very proud of all the accomplishments our students, teachers, staff and parent volunteers have made to help our school run smoothly and effectively. We are able to fund the Olympian Safety Program, Free Skating Days, Breakfast Buckets, Classroom Websites, and provide supplies for our Student Leadership Program, and lots more. Thanks everyone for your caring support for Clearmeadow!



### BREAKFAST BUCKET FUNDING

We are happy to announce that our Breakfast Buckets are approved for partial funding by 'Breakfast for Learning' and by 'Student Nutrition Program'. There are Breakfast Buckets in each classroom which are filled with healthy snack items intended to be available for children who come to school without having eaten breakfast or do not have a sufficient snack or lunch. We know that students learn and function much better when they are not hungry. One of the important criteria for our approval is to obtain parental donations for our program aside from our fundraising efforts. If you would like to contribute to this important cause, please send in your donations payable to 'Clearmeadow School Council' and indicate a note that it's for the Breakfast Bucket Donations. Thank you for helping feed our children.

We would like to thank the teachers monitoring the distribution of these buckets and to Paula Braithwaite who organized the program and ensures that the buckets are routinely refilled.

### COMMITTEE UPDATE



#### Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Co-ordinators will be holding a Dance-A-Thon planning meeting on Tuesday **February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Library**. Come out and help us plan this year's fun event with our new theme "Jammin' in the Jungle"! We look forward to your input and support. If you are unable to come but wish to help with the event, please contact Terri Leach at 905-853-8948 or trsterri@rogers.com.

#### Yearbook Committee – YEARBOOK DESIGNERS NEEDED!

We are a small group of parents trying to put a yearbook committee together. We need designers to help create picture pages. Without any design volunteers, it will be challenging to produce a yearbook this year. If you like to be creative and enjoy working with pictures and computers, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Robynne Hutton at 905-830-0860 or r.hutton@sympatico.ca.

#### Parent Development Committee

Are you interested in learning about any of the following topics: Helpful homework hints, Internet safety, or Info about Lice? The school council is in the process of setting up a Parental Development workshop. If you have a special skill that you would like to share in the form of a presentation, a suggestion for a topic, or you would like to join the Parental Development Committee please contact Shelley Langer at 905-830-9888 or slanger1@sympatico.ca

#### Kindergarten Playground Committee

Help us plan out the best way to enhance our kindergarten playground. If you are interested in joining, please contact Terri Leach and we will let you know once we book our first meeting.



## Anyone Can Get Head Lice. Do You Know What To Do?

Join us for our very first "Facts of Lice Seminar" on **Wed., Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.** The one hour program will be presented by the Lice Squad Inc. An interactive presentation that covers identification, treatment options, & preventative tools. It is free to all Clearmeadow parents, guardians and staff. The program is funded by your School Council.



## Thank you VOLUNTEERS!

**Thank you** to the MANY parent volunteers who give so generously of their time and expertise to support school activities and fundraising events. All of our children benefit from your enthusiasm and interest. If you would like to be included in our volunteer roster, please contact Terri Leach at 905-853-8948 or [trsterri@rogers.com](mailto:trsterri@rogers.com)

## COME & JOIN US!

School Council Meetings are held at 6:30pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome. Childcare services provided.

Thurs., Feb. 21, 2008  
 Wed., Mar. 19, 2008  
 Mon., April 7, 2008  
 Tues., May 19, 2008  
 Tues., June 10, 2008



## A BOUNTIFUL BOOK SALE



Last month 'gently used' books were collected, sorted and then sold for 25 cents each. We were thrilled with the reception and the support the community provided. The main goal was to deliver books into the hands of children and get them excited about reading. Well, we can say this event was a huge success! We raised approx. \$815.00 – that's 3,260 books sold! As an added bonus, all proceeds will go to Voices for Africa. **Thank you** to Ms. Horner, Ms. Rylander and to all the volunteers who enthusiastically pitched in to help sort and sell. **Thank you** to the Clearmeadow community for providing resources to help inspire a child's joy of reading.

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thanks to your ongoing support, we raised over \$13,000 on our magazine fundraiser and our school staff will plan a spring school sleepover! So far, we raised over \$300 on our Entertainment Books, over \$75 on Mabel's Labels, over \$250 on Shop & Support Programs and about \$20 from Boston Pizza Fundraising. All funds raised through these programs help directly benefit the school and help enrich your child's education and school experiences. **Our fundraising programs are still ongoing and ALL OPTIONAL.**

### CFL Light Bulbs & Boo Boo Kits – February 2008



Coming soon! Mini first aid kits and compact fluorescent light bulbs for your home! Order forms and additional information will be sent home the week of February 11<sup>th</sup>. Monies raised from these sales will be invested directly into the council's fundraising initiatives within the school!

### Dance-a-thon Prize Donations

We are currently in the planning stages for this year's Dance-a-thon and we need your help! We are seeking the following:

- **Corporate Donations** – do you know a company that would like to contribute a cash donation to be used towards prizes for our children during the event? Or perhaps a company that sells children's items that would be willing to donate age appropriate items to us? If so, please send us an email or call us at the contact numbers below with the details.
- **New (Unused) Toys** – has your child received gifts that were never opened? Or a gift that was too young for them? Please consider donating them as prizes for our children. Donations can be sent in with your child and council will store them until the event. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

### Ongoing Fundraising



Just a reminder that our QSP Magazine, Shop and Support, Mabel's Labels and Boston Pizza fundraisers are ongoing. If you need an extra Mabel's Labels order form, or would like an additional Boston Pizza \$5 off voucher, please contact or send a note to our fundraising coordinators including your child's name and teacher. Additional order forms also available at our school website.

Should you have any questions regarding any of our council fundraising initiatives please contact:

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